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## BETTER HOMES.

A few years ago Secretary Wilson of the United States Department of Agriculture said that the greatest curse of that part of American farmers who make money was land greed.

As fast as the farmer got a few hundred dollars ahead he contracted for another piece of land. The man in the city valued himself by the number of houses and blocks which he owned. The business man reached out for more business. The professional man overworked himself to get ahead of his neighbor, he could not take time to enjoy that which he made. The employer spent no time for recreation from his business. The employee put every ounce of his energy trying to "get ahead" by long hours of labor, enforced and voluntary.

The home was neglected by all classes of these men. Wives grew lonesome. They did not find their former sweethearts lovers, still. Divorces multiplied. Children were neglected and American unfillial respect became proverbial.

Happily all this is changing. It is proposed that ownership of real estate is limited. Comforts and science are being added to our homes. Our parents are making more of their children. Mothers are understanding their sons and fathers their daughters and the whole family is making more of home companionship, despite the "movies" and the automobile and the rush of our present living. These things, even, make for better homes.

## THE MAN AND THE OFFICE.

Even though a man is elected to a high office, he is still a man, not at all different than he was before elected. The office adds nothing to him, it makes him different in no respect. If he was a man before, he is still the same man and the reverse. The office holder cannot in any way degenerate the office. He may disgrace himself but never the office.

It is a popular delusion that when one is elected to some high office, the presidency for instance, that the man becomes hallowed with something almost touching on the divine. The people somehow feel that his every act is dictated by some unseen power other than that which comes from the man. The man is no longer the man his neighbors knew but by some unseen force is lifted above to some higher plane.

This is nothing but a delusion, a superstitious belief. The man who sits in the White House is the same man who sat in his office in Princeton University. The man who wears a gown and sits on the bench of the Supreme Court, is no wiser because of the gown or the title before his name. His acts are subject to the same criticism as any other person's and should be given the same kind of praise. He is just as Robert Burns said: "A man is a man for a' that."

## CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH.

The college man's lack of ability to write good English is a matter quite worthy of consideration. Another is his bad grammar. Nor is his choice of words usually of the best. A small vocabulary is one of the factors that mars any one's speech. It is strikingly noticeable in the case of the college man. There is little excuse for the man with the higher education being a sinner, in this case.

One can not walk the length of the campus without hearing, "I ain't" going to do so and so. "Aint" is the crime of every one's conversation, but most noticeable when a collegian, who ought to know better, is guilty. "Don't" is none too euphonious. The use of "at" in "I got off at Hitt Street" is very common, while most everyone abuses the word "Say" in salutations such as "Say? Where are you going?" There are many other faults of ordinary speech which are widely used by people of nice sensibilities who ought to know better and who ought to guard against such carelessness in conversation.

Everyone does not resort to writing as a business; in fact many people

ple seldom write. They can not be expected to be scrupulously perfect in things in which they do not specialize. But every person in a college community where higher learning is the commodity most generally sought, the power of speech is universally enjoyed. Man and woman alike use spoken language many hours every day for conveying thoughts. The medium for transmission of thought so generally and widely used deserves careful study. The expression of one's thoughts in perfect English stamps the speaker as a person of refinement and culture. The possession of all college degrees known and a professorship of science in the greatest of colleges would not make the ungrammatical man seem cultured.

A person's speech is the beginning of an observer's estimation of him. Study the English language and express yourself clearly and nicely and you will appear at your best before others.

## The Literary Trawler

### Do It Now.

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing,  
If you like him or you love him tell him now;  
Don't withhold your approbation till the parson makes oration  
As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow;  
For, no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it;  
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed;  
If you think some praise is due him, Now's the time to slip it to him,  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead!

More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny,  
And the hearty, warm approval of a friend,  
For it gives to life a savor, and it makes you stronger, braver,  
And it gives you heart and spirit to the end;  
If he earns your praise—bestow it;  
If you like him—let him know it;  
Let the words of true encouragement be said;  
Do not wait till life is over and he's underneath the clover,  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.—Selected.

## The Open Column

### Again, Clean Up.

Editor The Missourian:—The idea of civic pride should be encouraged among the people of Columbia. The "city beautiful" should be the slogan. A "paint up and clean up day" this spring is the most obvious means to this end.

Columbia has as many visitors as towns twice its size and for this reason should always present a neat appearance. For instance during Journalism Week there will be a great many visitors here and the impression which they get of Columbia will be alread all over the state, and other states, too.

So let's all get together and make the "clean up days" April 28 and 29 the banner days of all.

### Y. W. C. A. WORKERS HERE

Ina Sherbeck Will Talk to M. U. Women on "Association Work." Miss Ina Sherbeck, territorial secretary of the south-central field of the Y. W. C. A., arrived in Columbia Friday night and will remain until Wednesday conferring with the different committees of the Y. W. C. A. and giving talks before the women of the University.

The Y. W. C. A. will meet Wednesday instead of the usual time which is Thursday, in order that Miss Sherbeck may address the meeting. She will talk on "Association Work" and will explain in detail the different works of the Y. W. C. A. The meeting will be in Room 205, Academic Hall, at 4:15 o'clock.

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## GIVE PHYSICS DEMONSTRATION

C. H. S. Students Perform Practical Experiments at Assembly Period. At the weekly assembly period at the Columbia High School Friday morning the physics class performed experiments that are practical in everyday use. Miss Mary Patton and Miss Grace Lockridge explained and showed how sound was transmitted. Arline Henderson and Wilbur Jarvis told the principle of the suction pump and gave some of the practical uses to which it is put.

Lucian Remley and Moss Davis demonstrated the air pump. William Coleman and Melvin Shutt explained the principle of the siphon and told how it was put to use on the farm. Pulleys and their use were explained by Herbert Eubank. Modern usages of the electric magnets were demonstrated by George McCowen and John Reese. An explanation and demonstration of the electric bell and machine was given by Earl Bailey, Leo McKee, Vivian Cannon and George Brown.

After the program by the physics class, Miss Bell Hope Robinson gave a short sketch of Virgil's Aeneid which will be presented by the Latin class in the Christian College auditorium tomorrow night.

## Baptist Church Gaining Members.

The First Baptist Church of Columbia has received fifty-seven members this year. Several were baptized last night. The church will observe Mother's Day the second Sunday in May.

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## SHORT COURSE MEN AT WORK

Nine of the Ten in Creamery Class Have Been Employed.

Nine of the ten men who recently finished the creamery short course have obtained positions. R. W. Brice is at Checotah, Ok.; T. C. Dickman at Springfield, Mo.; Robert Dillon at Holdon, Mo.; E. L. Brockschmidt at Cole Camp, Mo.; J. P. Donavan at Tulsa, Okla.; Roy Mallins at Kansas City; Otis Peebles at Marionville, Mo.; George Robb at Omaha, Neb.; Morris Suleyman at Sugar Creek, Mo. Ben Zehh has had two or three offers but has not accepted any yet.

## More Books for Historical Library.

F. A. Sampson, secretary of the State Historical Society, has returned from St. Louis where he went in the interest of the society. He has brought back 212 books, municipal works, civil war books, historical and biographical to add to the collection of the society.



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Picnickers Go to Brushwood Lake. Several parties of picnickers spent yesterday in the neighborhood of Brushwood Lake. One crowd, chaperoned by Mrs. Benta Whitaker, attempted to walk the seven miles back to town, and were so unfortunate as to be far away from shelter when a quick shower broke.

Knox County May Get Farm Adviser. Prof. A. J. Meyer, director of the agricultural extension service bureau, went to Edina Saturday to meet the officers of the Knox County farm bureau to discuss plans for getting a county agent for Knox County.

K. U. Beat the Chinese Team. The University of Kansas defeated the Chinese baseball team of the University of Hawaii by a score of 4-3 Thursday.

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